

Update on TEA-21 and Federal Appropriations

BRIEFING PAPER

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PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the authorization and funding of federal transportation programs.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

No action is required.

BACKGROUND:

TEA-21 Extension

Congress passed, and the President signed, legislation to extend TEA-21 through February 29th.

The extension authorizes \$14.7 billion for highway programs and \$3 billion for transit programs. We are in the process of obtaining the specific amounts for our state. It also allows temporary transfer of funds among core highway programs, provided that any transfers are restored when the next authorizing bill is enacted.

TEA-21 longer-term bill

The House and Senate are continuing efforts to draft and pass a six-year bill. Their versions of a six-year bill should be released later this year, possibly in November. Significant differences remain within and between the two parties on revenue proposals, and it is debatable whether a six-year bill can be passed by February 29th.

2004 Federal Appropriations

Congress passed, and the President signed, legislation (a “continuing resolution”) to fund federal government operations through October 31st. Most of the appropriations bills – including Transportation – will be rolled into one bill (“omnibus appropriations”) that is expected to pass in late October. Don’t be surprised, however, if this issue takes until mid-November to resolve.

A list of 2004 earmarks is attached. The omnibus process is a bit more fluid than the traditional conferencing process, and earmarks may be at a slightly higher risk than usual.

DISCUSSION:

This information is provided to update Commissioners about the TEA-21 extension, the status of the longer-term TEA-21 bill, and the 2004 federal appropriations process.

RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation is necessary.

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Tentative FFY 2004 Transportation Appropriations Discretionary Funding

WSDOT Requests, and House and Senate Earmarks

Numbers in millions

Project	Final earmark	WSDOT Approps request	House approps earmark	Senate approps earmark
Interstate and State Highways: WSDOT Requests				
Alaska Way Viaduct		17.000		1.000
Fast Corridor		30.000		3.000
I-182 - Queensgate to SR 240 (Richland)		3.000		2.000
I-405 - Corridor Improvements		18.000		2.000
I-405 - Congestion Relief (TDM programs)		2.500		2.500
I-5 - Rush Road to Maytown Widening		7.000	0.500	2.000
I-82 - Union Gap Interchanges		6.780	0.500	
I-5 - Vancouver Interchange Improvements		10.000	1.000	
I-90 - Spokane to Idaho State Line		18.000	1.000	
US 12 - SR 124 to Walla Walla		5.100	1.000	3.000
US 395 - North Spokane Corridor		30.000	1.000	1.000

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Interstate and State Highways: Local jurisdiction requests				
Ainsworth Avenue Realignment & Sacagawea Heritage Trail (Port Of Pasco)				3.000
Bremerton Ferry Tunnel			0.400	
Coal Creek Parkway (Bridge replacement & rehabilitation) (King County)			1.500	
Colville Confederated Tribe, Inchelium/Gifford Bridge Feasibility Study				0.120
Cross Base Highway (Pierce County)			1.000	
I-5 - Exit 79 Bridge Replacement (Chehalis)				3.000
I-5 - Second Street Bridge (Mt. Vernon)				3.000
I-5 - Lynnwood City Center exit				1.000
I-5 - 116th Street NE Interchange (Marysville)				2.000
I-5 - 219th Street Interchange (Battle Ground)				2.000
I-5 - 172nd Interchange and bridge replacement (Arlington-Marysville)			2.000	3.000
I-90 - Ellensburg Interchange MP 108.31			2.000	
Lexington Bridge (Cowlitz County)				1.500
Lower Elwa Klallam Tribe, Access Road				2.300
San Juan Boulevard (Bellingham)				1.225
Satsop, road access improvements				0.375
Skokomish Tribe Roadway Improvements				1.300
Snoqualmie Point View Park (scenic byways)			0.600	
South Park Bridge (King County)				2.000
SR 31 - all weather construction & widening (Pend Oreille County)				1.600
SR 410 Welcome Center (scenic byways)			2.800	
SR 509 / SR 518 Interchange - Intersection redevelopment (King County)				2.000
Three Bridge Corridor project (Skagit County)				0.800
Yakima Grade Separations				1.000
WSDOT Scenic Byways Program (**Senate included funding but no earmarks)			1.000	**

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Ferries: WSDOT requests				
Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal		6.000		1.000
Southworth terminal redevelopment / Vashon terminal preservation		5.000	0.400	1.000
Washington State Ferries (**annual payment per TEA-21)		**	5.000	
Ferries: Local jurisdiction requests				
Edmonds Crossing Multimodal Transportation Terminal				2.000
Kitsap Transit Passenger Ferry Terminal & Marina Expansion			1.000	3.000
Vashon Island Passenger-Only Ferry Study (King County)				1.000

ITS: WSDOT requests				
Regional Traffic Signal Interconnect Project (sharing traffic signal data between WSDOT and local agencies)		0.500	0.500	
Washington State Program of projects		8.400		5.400
ITS: Local jurisdiction requests				
Auburn Way South ITS (Auburn)				1.600
King County, County-wide Signal Program			0.500	1.500
Seattle City Center ITS				2.500
Signalization Interconnect & Intelligent Transportation (Tukwila)				1.400
SR 164 Signal Synchronization (Muckelshoot Reservation)			1.250	

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Transit: WSDOT requests				
Clallam Transit Authority, replacement and/or expansion vehicles		0.688	0.250	0.688
Columbia County		0.103		0.103
Grays Harbor Transportation Authority, capital improvements		0.114	0.075	0.114
Island Transit Operations & Maintenance Facility		1.094	2.500	1.094
Jefferson County Transit, replacement and/or expansion vehicles		0.416	0.200	0.416
Mason County Transportation Authority capital improvements		0.480	0.200	0.480
Pullman Transit		0.088		0.088
Twin Transit (Centralia and Chehalis)		0.108		0.108
Valley Transit		0.708		0.708

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Transit: Local jurisdiction requests				
Clark County Transit, VAST ITS				1.600
Clark County Transit Bus Replacement				3.000
Community Transit Bus & Van Replacement (Snohomish County)				1.000
Community Transit Park & Ride Expansion (Snohomish County)			0.800	2.000
Everett Transit Buses			0.500	1.000
Grant Transit Authority Bus Facility			1.200	
Intercity Transit Bus (Thurston)				1.000
Jefferson County Transit Bus Facility			1.000	1.000
King County Park & Ride - 1st Hill				3.626
King County, Clean Air Buses			0.450	5.000
Kitsap Transit bus replacement			0.500	1.000
Link Transit (Wenatchee)				0.800
Link Transit JARC (Wenatchee)				0.500
Metro Transit Turn Around at Taylor Landing			0.070	
Mukilteo Lane Park & Ride				1.000
North Bend Park & Ride			2.000	
Pierce Transit Maintenance & Operations Facility			1.000	1.000
Sound Transit Regional Express Transit Hubs			2.500	2.000
Sound Transit Central Link Initial Segment			15.000	75.000
South Lake Union Circulation (Seattle Trolley)				3.000
Transit / car-sharing job access (JARC)			0.800	1.000
Vanpooling Enhancement & Expansion				1.000

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Rail: WSDOT requests				
Intermodal Transload Facility, Quincy		2.000		2.000
Rail: Local jurisdiction requests				
BNSF Track relocation (Everett)				0.500
Elliot Avenue & BNSF Crossing Path Improvements (Seattle)				1.000
Grade Crossing Protection Gate Testing				0.500
Swift Siding Rail Project (Blaine)				3.000

Aviation: WSDOT requests				
None				
Aviation: Local jurisdiction requests				
Auto Tech Suport				3.000
Boeing Field GCNSS				25.000
Bremerton National (authorized for priority funding in final bill)				
Everett			2.000	2.000
Sea-Tac (terminal air traffic control facilities)			2.000	9.700
Sea-Tac (Tracon) (terminal air traffic control facilities)			2.000	5.280
Spokane International Airport (terminal air traffic control facilities)			10.000	6.000
Yakima, Tower Transformer/Panel replacement				0.072

Additional appropriations, local requests				
Center for Excellence (UW)				0.500
Coast Millennium Trail, South Bay Taylor Dock Project (Bellingham)				0.500
I-5 Pedstrian Bridge (Vancouver)				0.500
Infrastructure Renewal Project (WSU)				1.500
Maritime Domain				1.250
University District Transportation Safety Enhancement (Spokane)				1.000
West Start Vehicular Flywheel				1.000

Totals		173.079	69.995	241.747
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